



Aanii, my name is Kathryn McGraw, proud LTBB tribal elder. My mother Ruth Ann McGraw-nee-Gasco was born on Second Street in Harbor Springs. As a child circumstances led her to Southeastern Michigan where I was born and raised. Mom taught me the values of love, faith, strength and perseverance. Her work ethic was impeccable. I have embraced the principles she passed down to me. During the eighties and nineties I spent sixteen years as a member of UAW Local 985 producing parts for Ford, GM Whirlpool and Chrysler. Punctuality and dependability have always been my philosophy. Communication, housing, economic development, health and well being are my core values as I sincerely ask for your vote.

As a single mother I decided to relocate and raise my son in Northern Michigan. I believe the circle of life has brought me home to our beautiful land where I now live in Petoskey Michigan. I have faced many challenges as a single parent and know first-hand the distinctive struggle of finding daycare and getting to work when there's a sick child at home. I feel that single parents deserve special consideration with respect to benefits and paid time off. We should set an example of family support and recognize the unique situation a single parent faces on their own.

During the past 12 years I have been honored to assist tribal citizens and the greater community with diligent administrative and direct client assistance. As a tribal government employee I served in Accounting, Elders Department, Tribal Administration, and assisted in the development of our tribal Veteran Liaison. During this time I witnessed a great need for those less fortunate in our community especially our Veterans. I believe Tribal Council is a powerful tool in satisfying the voice of those needs. I support our constitution's preamble and will strive to attentively uphold a decent standard of living for all of our people including tribal citizens who live outside the service area.

Our enterprise has not successfully met the needs of our people. I support more citizen involvement in our decision making process. I believe we should move forward with affordable housing and provide direct client assistance to all citizens in severe economic need.

I am currently employed as Intake Coordinator at Harbor Hall Inc. I work closely with mental health and substance abuse in the community. All too often these topics are unmentioned and disregarded. Our loved ones are falling through the cracks and often times may be incarcerated as a result of their substance abuse and mental health disorders. We must support Tribal Health Department expansion in particular mental health and substance abuse programs.

I support Communication Department development including larger font for our elders, and more timely publication of Tribal Council minutes. The Executive submits their monthly report. I recommend Tribal Council also submit a monthly report. Let the citizens know what's going on in Legislation. It's time for a change.

I sincerely ask for your vote

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